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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Power, et al.

Serial No. 09/439,429

Group Art Unit: 1635

Filed: 11/15/99

Examiner: Epps, J.

For: ANTISENSE OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDES REGULATING  
EXPRESSION OF THE TNF-ALPHA

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2000, paper  
number 3. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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5. (Amended) A synthetic nuclease resistant antisense  
oligodeoxynucleotide for selectively [modulating] inhibiting human tumor necrosis  
factor alpha said antisense oligonucleotide comprising: [by targeting] an exon  
targeting [sequences] sequence flanking donor splice sites thereby regulating  
expression of TNF- $\alpha$ .